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CHILD CARE CENTER ANNUAL EVALUATION

Name of Center: Metro Kids - Jefferson

Provider No.: 36567

Address: 2425 Watrous Ave, Des Moines, IA, 50321

County: Polk

Director's Name: Kelsi Stanley

On-Site Supervisor: Ana Loya

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HHS Visit Date: 03/20/2026

Licensing Period: 01/01/2026 to 01/01/2028

Fire Inspection:

Date Inspected: 09/25/2024

Comments:

Report Visit Type:

- [ ] PTO
- [X] Licensing Visit
- [ ] Drop In
- [ ] Administrative Change

License Type:

- [X] Full
- [ ] Provisional

Quality initiative:

- [ ] Accrediation

Program Duration:

- [X] Year-Round
- [ ] School Year
- [ ] Summer Only

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HOURS:	*Year-round*	*School-Year*	*Summer Only*
Sunday			
Monday	2:30 PM to 5:30 PM		
Tuesday	2:30 PM to 5:30 PM		
Wednesday	2:30 PM to 5:30 PM		
Thursday	2:30 PM to 5:30 PM		
Friday	2:30 PM to 5:30 PM		
Saturday			

Program Population Served:

- [ ] Infant(0-<24 Months)
- [ ] Toddler
- [ ] PreSchool
- [X] School Age
- [ ] All Ages

LICENSE CAPACITY	Infants	2 Years	Preschool	School-Aged	Capacity
General				110	110
Summer					0

1. Basic Overview

Metro Kids - Jefferson has been in operation for many years. The center provides before and after school child care for children who attend Jefferson Elementary. The school has secured entrances. This summer they are one of the Metro Kids sites that are providing summer programming. The center uses the gym and additional classrooms for programming space. The center also uses the playgrounds. Kelsi Stanley is the director of the Metro Kids Programs. Ana Loya is the on site supervisor and has been in this role since 2013.

An unannounced visit was completed on today's date. All areas subject to HHS rules were reviewed. Mandatory postings are in place by the center's entrance. The center's schedule was posted. A lesson plan was posted. Metro Kids supplies are kept in a closet in the cafeteria. The center has a nice supply of age appropriate supplies and toys.

Des Moines Schools had a regional day today so the center had all day programming. Children from Jefferson and five other elementary schools attended programming at this center. There were six staff working today. Fifty two children were in attendance today. Children were divided into two groups during part of the day: Kindergarten through 2nd grade and 3rd grade through 5th grade. Children were observed on the playground and in the cafeteria. The center has interest areas and table activities in place in the cafeteria. There were coloring sheets, art materials and games on tables. Staff were observed to be actively engaged with the children throughout the visit.

The center provides snack during regular programming. During all day programming, the center also serves breakfast. Children bring their own lunch. Centers are supposed to ensure all children are getting CACFP lunches. Centers are required to ensure children under five years of age and not in Kindergarten have CACFP meals. Staff weren't aware of this and haven't monitored the younger children's lunches nor given them additional food groups if needed.

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The center uses the school's playground. The school staff maintain the playground. The playground has poured surfacing, cement and grass for surfacing areas. The center completes monthly playground checks.

The center uses school buses for off site field trips.

2. Identify Observed Strengths of the program

Ana has been an on site supervisor for several years. The center has spacious programming space with a nice amount of learning and play materials for the children being served. Children are offered large motor play on a daily basis through the use of the school's gym and playground.

3. Identify the aspects that fall below the standard

109.13(4)a: Written policies developed for food brought from home for children under five years of age not enrolled in school and is provided to parent at admission.Food brought from home for children under five years of age not enrolled in school is monitored and supplemented if necessary to ensure CACFP guidelines maintained.
This center serves preschool children. The center doesn't have a written policy for preschool children, the children bring their own lunches and the center hasn't monitored the lunches to ensure children are getting CACFP credible lunches. The center needs to have food items on hand to offer children if the children's lunches don't meet CACFP requirements.

4. Any corrective action plans, provisional license, and safety plans-steps to get into compliance

NA

5. Special Notes/Recommendations

The center has a full license.

*Note: If you are the Child Care Center Director and you feel something is unclear or unjustly cited, please contact your DHS Licensing Consultant to discuss the issue. The child care director may also send a response which will be placed in the licensing file.

*Note: If you are a member of the general public, there may be additional information contained in the public file. You may contact the DHS Licensing Consultant to inquire.

Date: 04/20/2026

HHS Licensing Consultant: Melinda Larson, Child Care Licensing Consultant

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Non-compliance with any of the mandated regulatory requirements listed above may lead to the cancellation or revocation of your Child Care License. Please take steps necessary to completely address each of the violations noted above.

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